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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

**Disclaimer:** The purpose of this briefing is to provide a **Regional** weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information. To find your local NWS forecast office, go to [www.weather.gov/srh](http://www.weather.gov/srh).

## Today

- **Strong/severe thunderstorms with heavy rain/flash flooding across SE OK into AR.**
- **Strong/severe thunderstorms with isolated heavy rain/flash flooding across NE NM into the OK/TX Panhandles.**

## Thursday - Friday

- **Strong/severe thunderstorms with isolated heavy rain/flash flooding across OK/AR.**

## Saturday - Sunday

- **No Significant Weather impacts expected.**

## Tropical Outlook

- **TD #5 is located 750 miles SSE of Cape Race, NF. No Impacts to FEMA Region 6.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Aug 15, 2018 – Aug 19, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Storms	NE NM OK/TX Panhandle SE OK/AR	OK/AR	OK/AR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E OK/W AR	NE OK	OK/N AR		
	NE NM TX/OK Panhandles				
Excessive Heat					
Fire Weather					
Tropical Weather					

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.  
State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*  
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

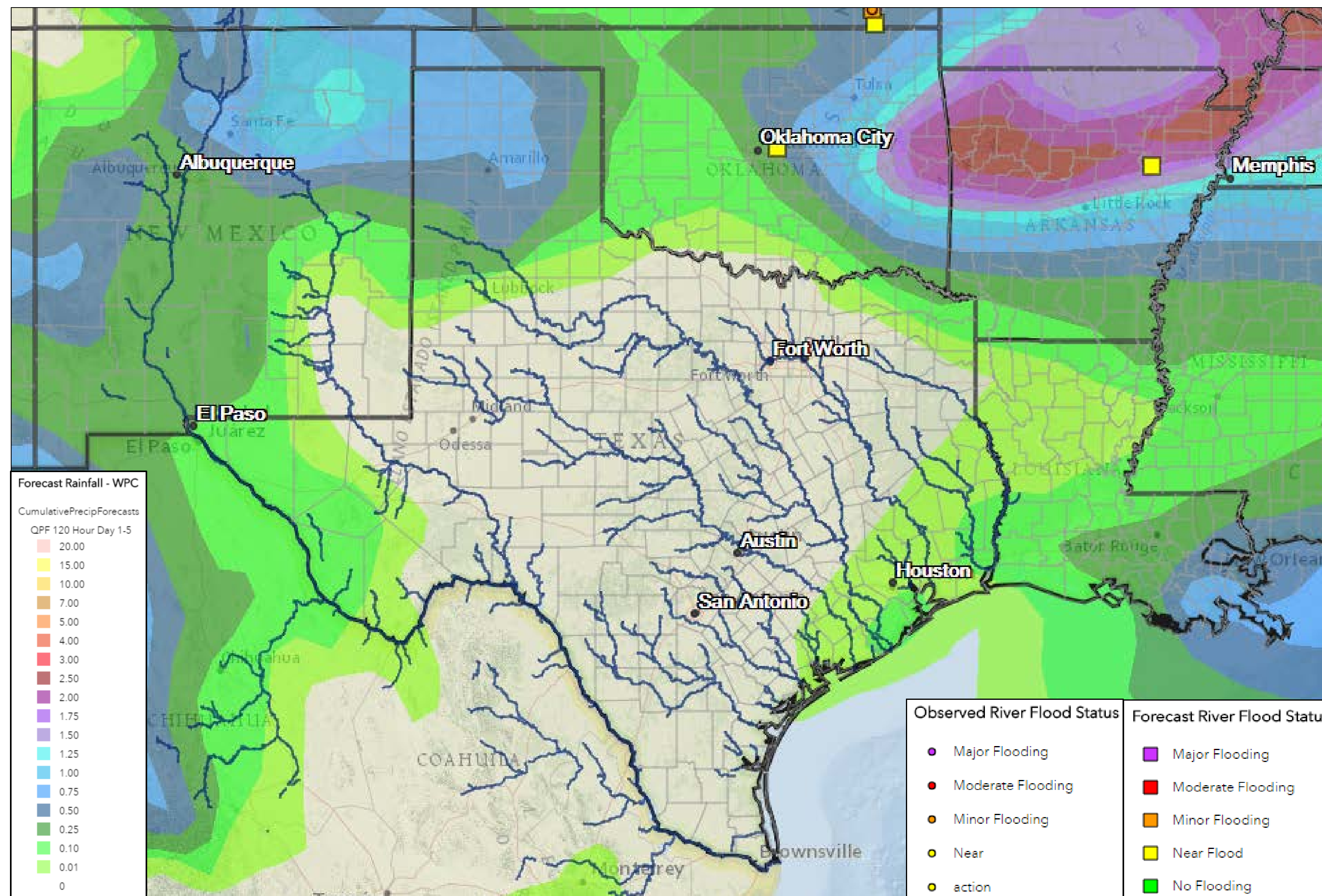


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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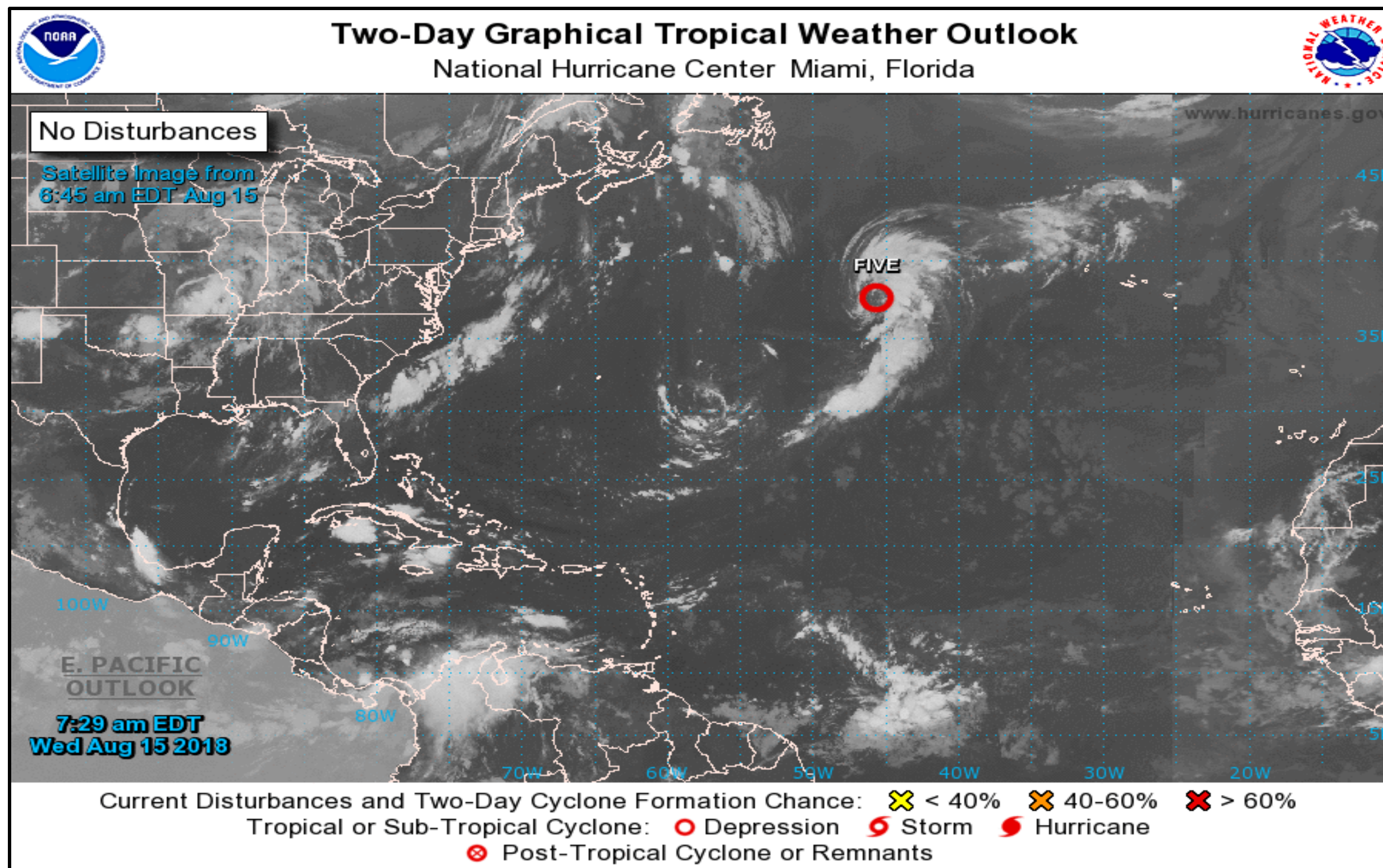
**No significant impacts expected from river flooding.**



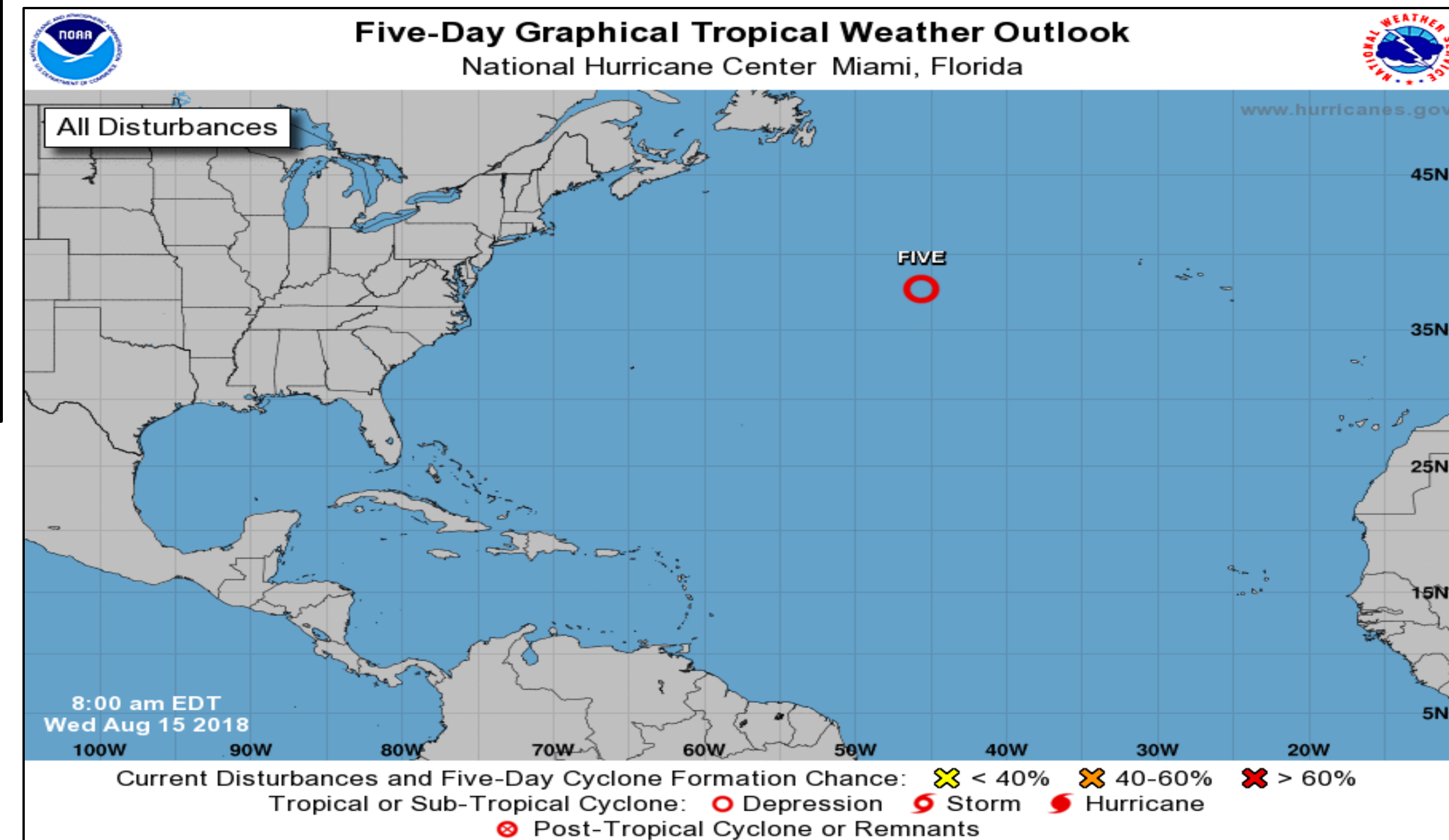
# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



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No impacts to FEMA Region 6.**



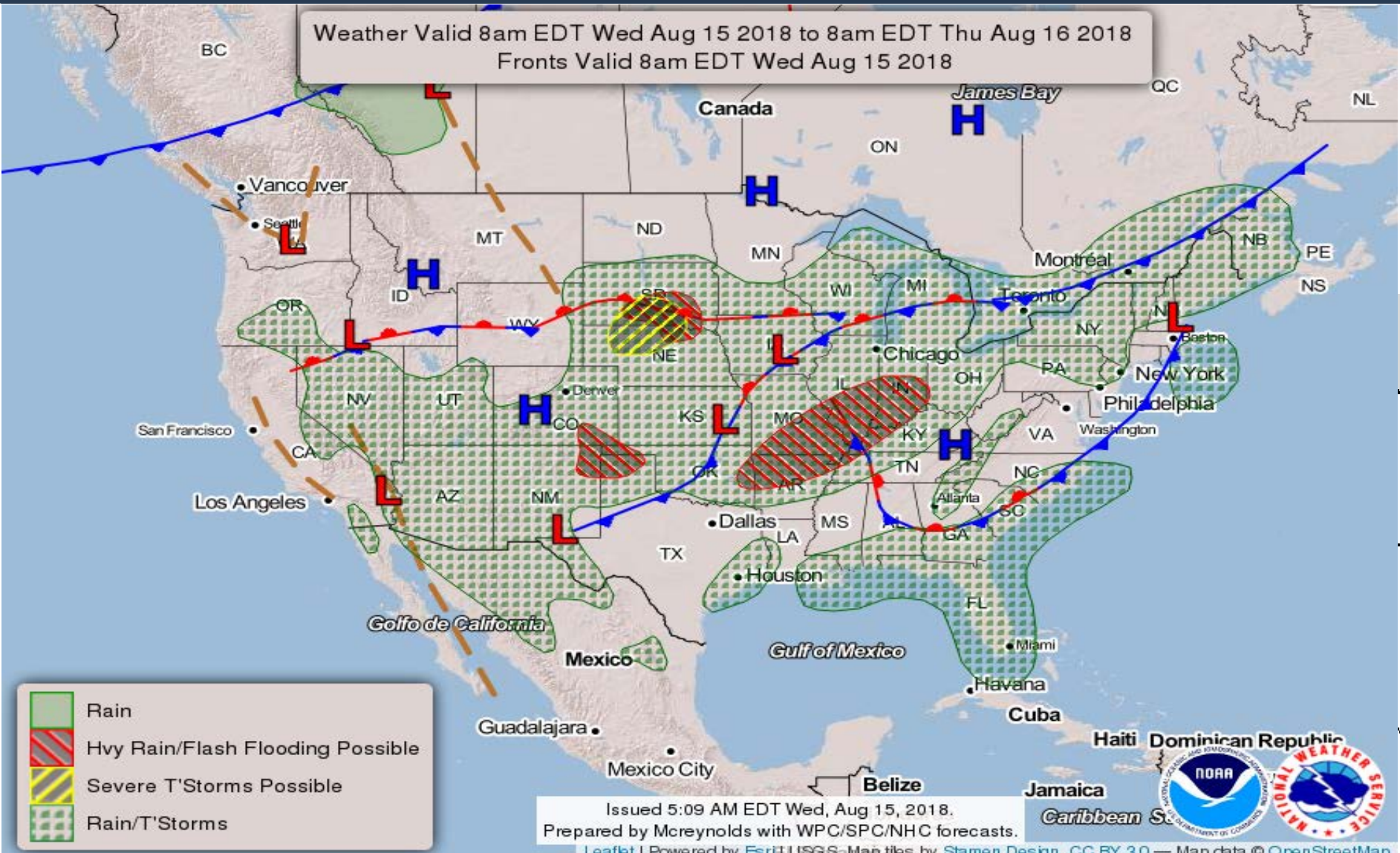


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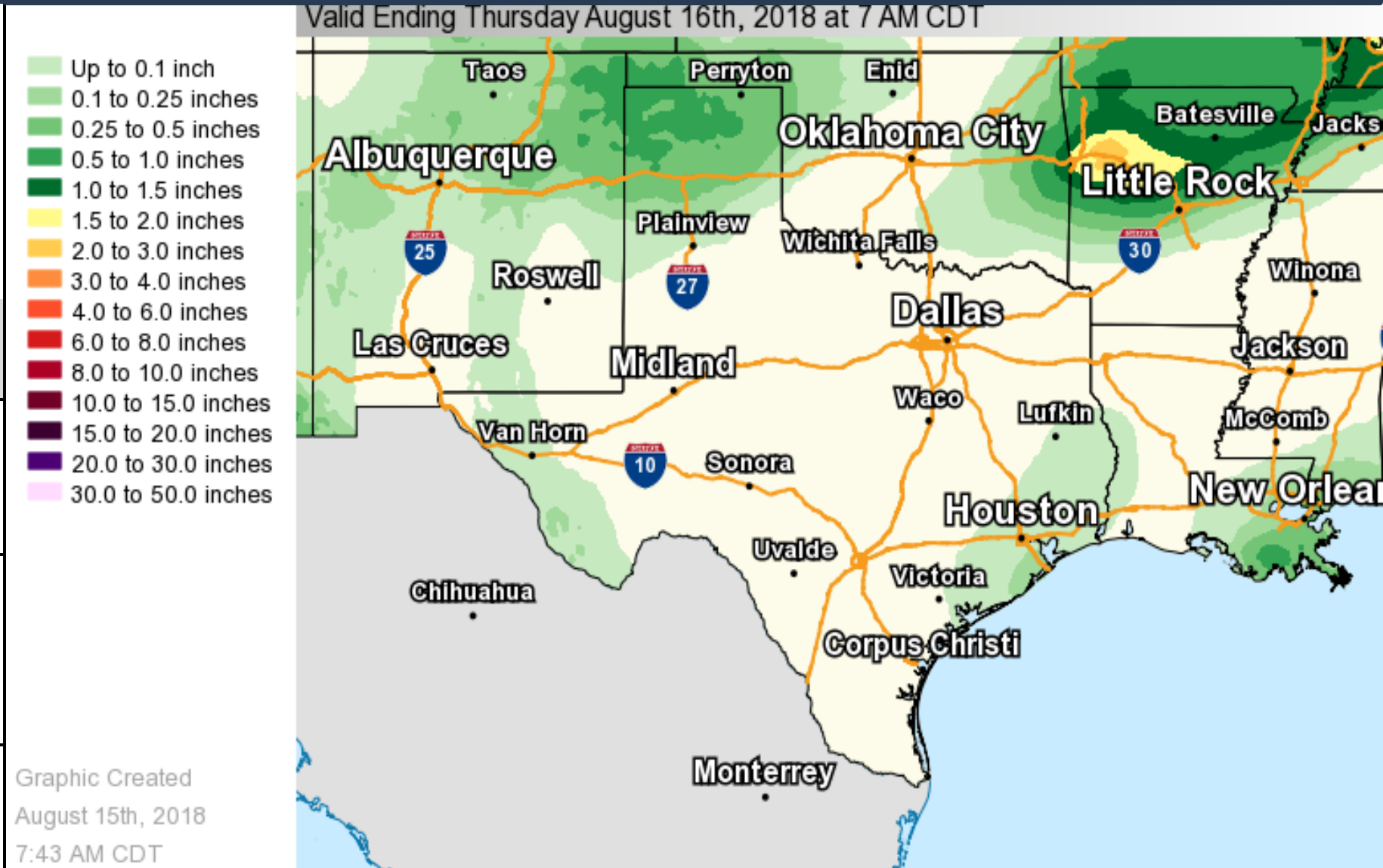


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## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

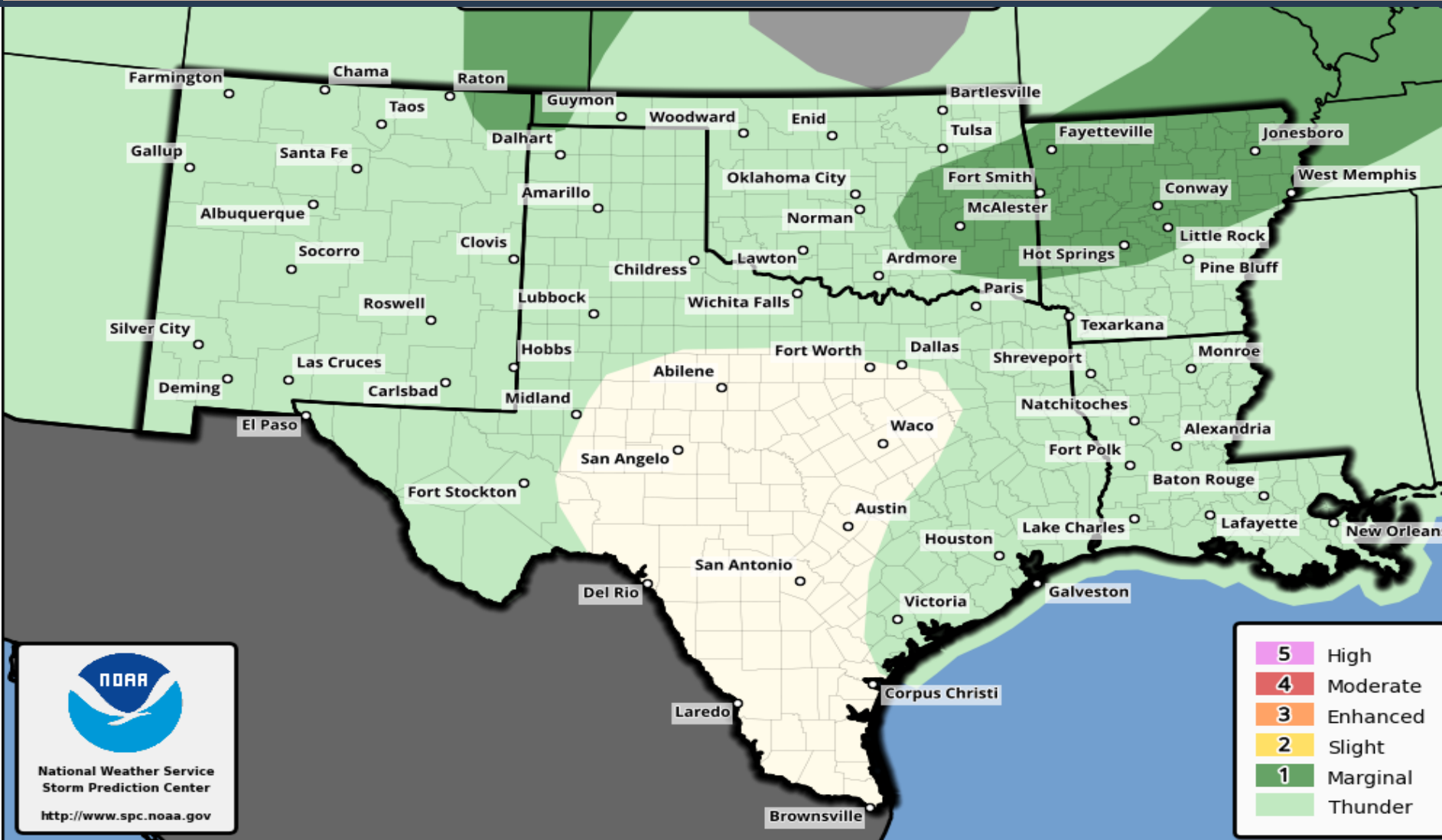


**Slight risk of heavy rainfall  
across E OK/W AR.**

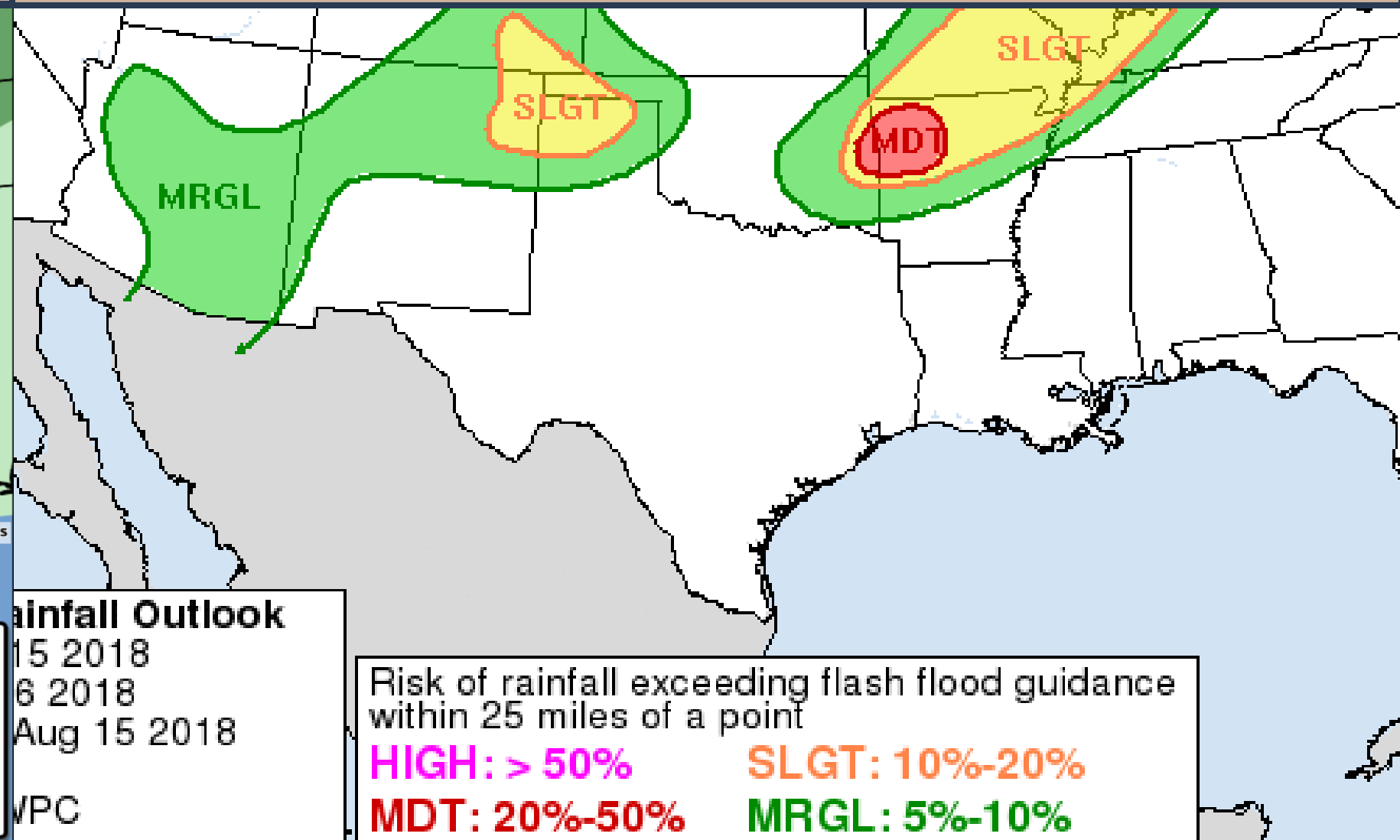
**Slight risk of heavy rainfall  
across NE NM into the  
TX/OK panhandles.**

**Strong/severe  
thunderstorms across NE  
NM into the TX/OK  
Panhandles.  
Addition thunderstorms  
across SE OK/AR.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





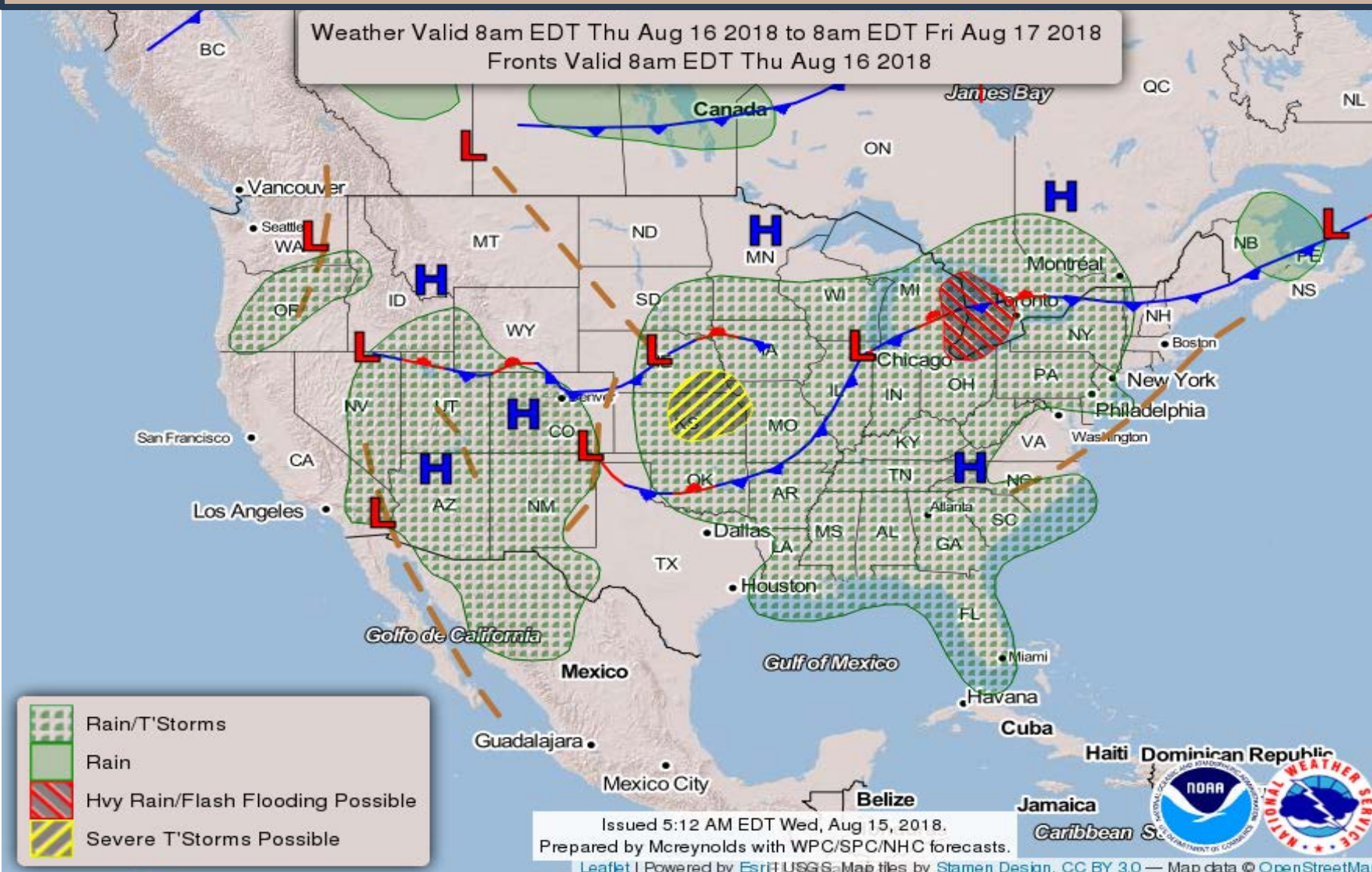
# Tomorrow's Weather



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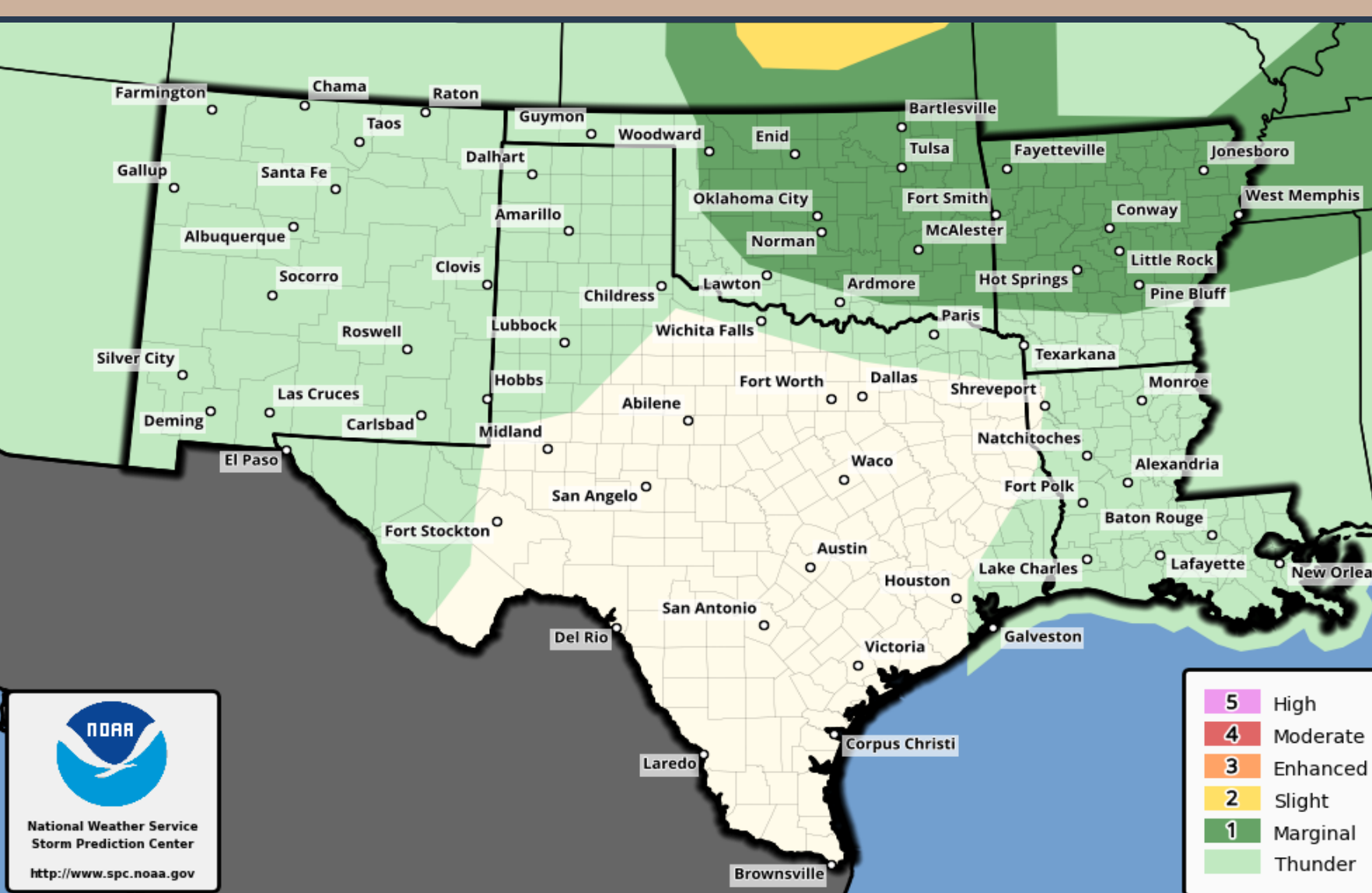


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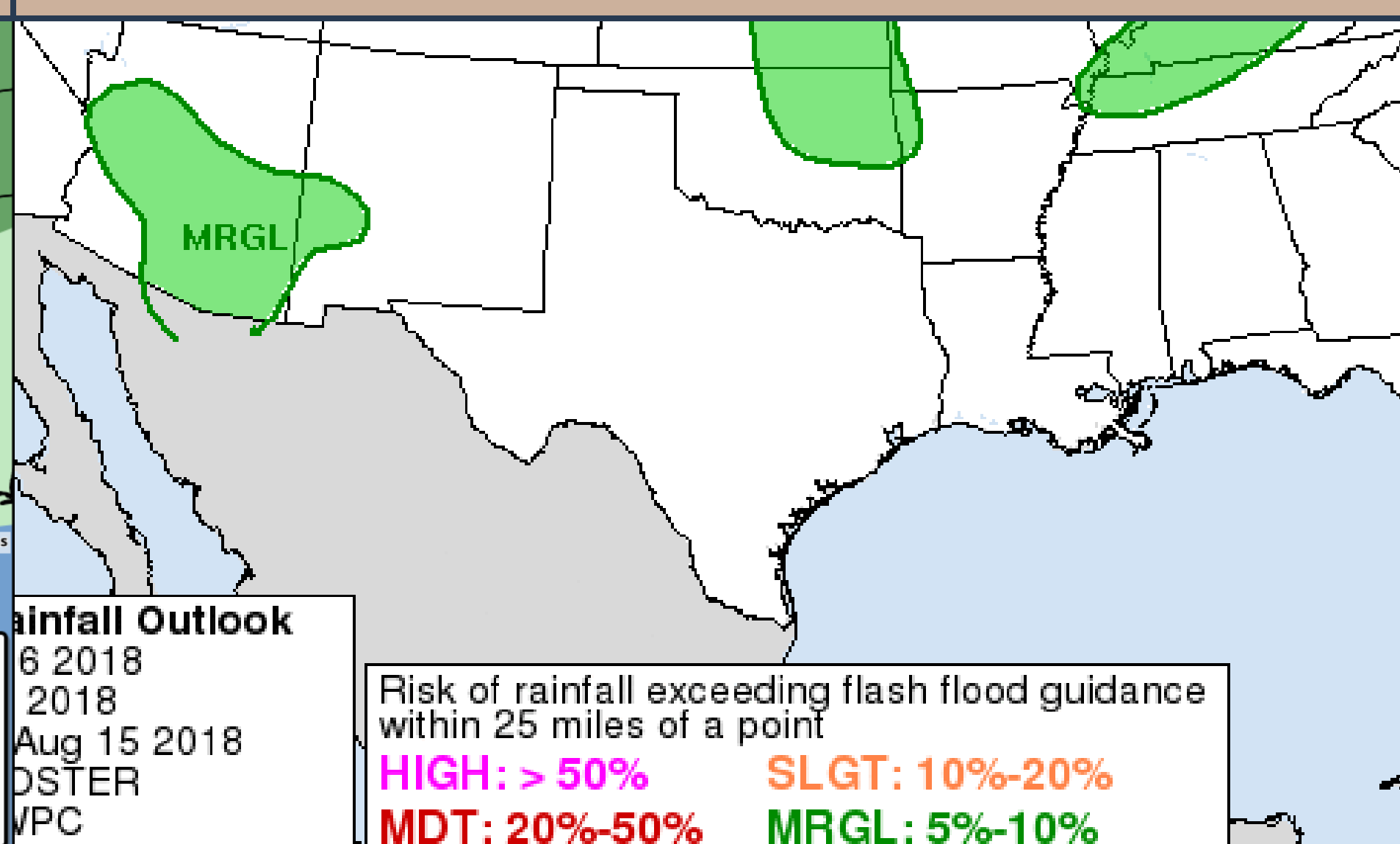


**Marginal risk area for  
strong/severe  
thunderstorms with heavy  
rain/isolated flash flooding  
across OK/AR.**

# Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





# Friday's Weather

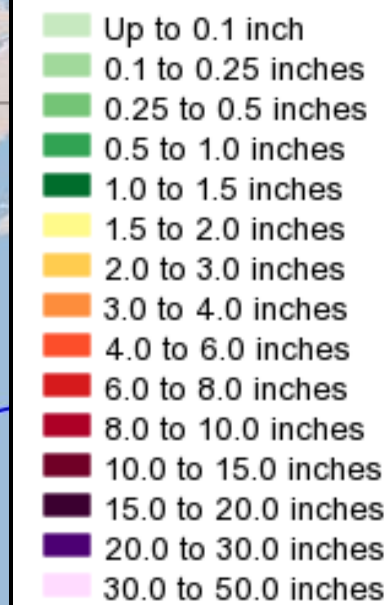
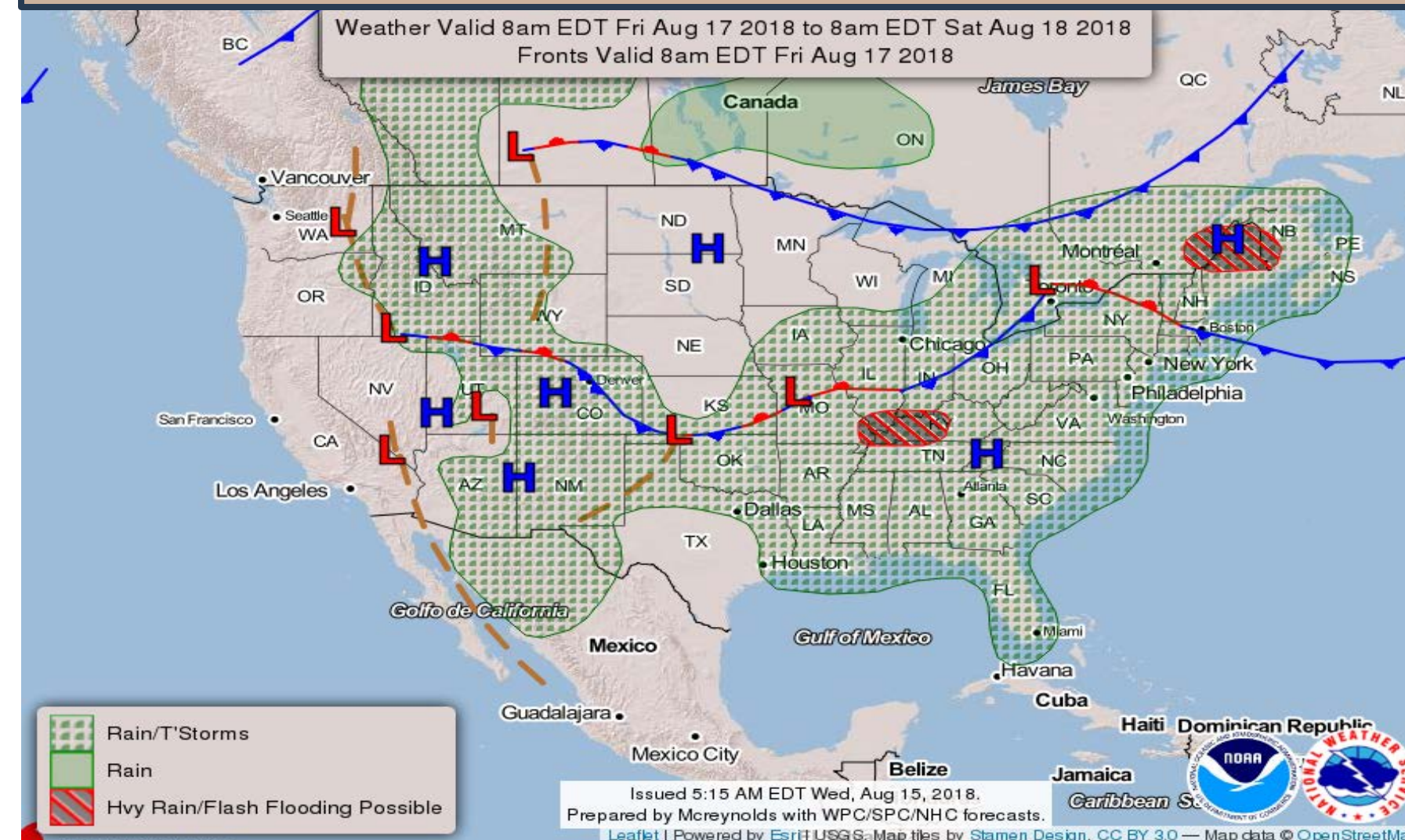


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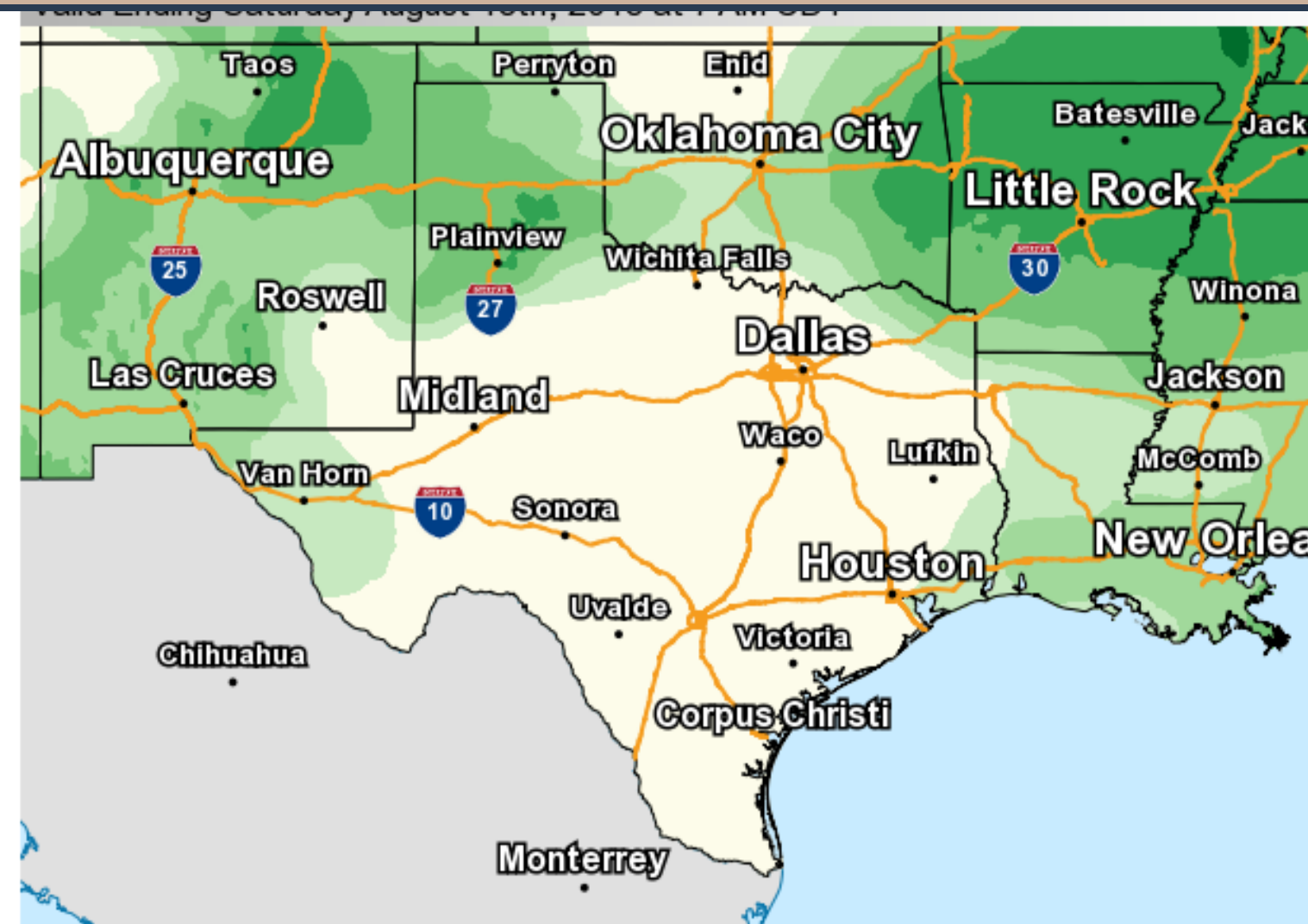
## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall

**Marginal risk area for strong/severe thunderstorms with heavy rain/flash flooding across OK/AR.**

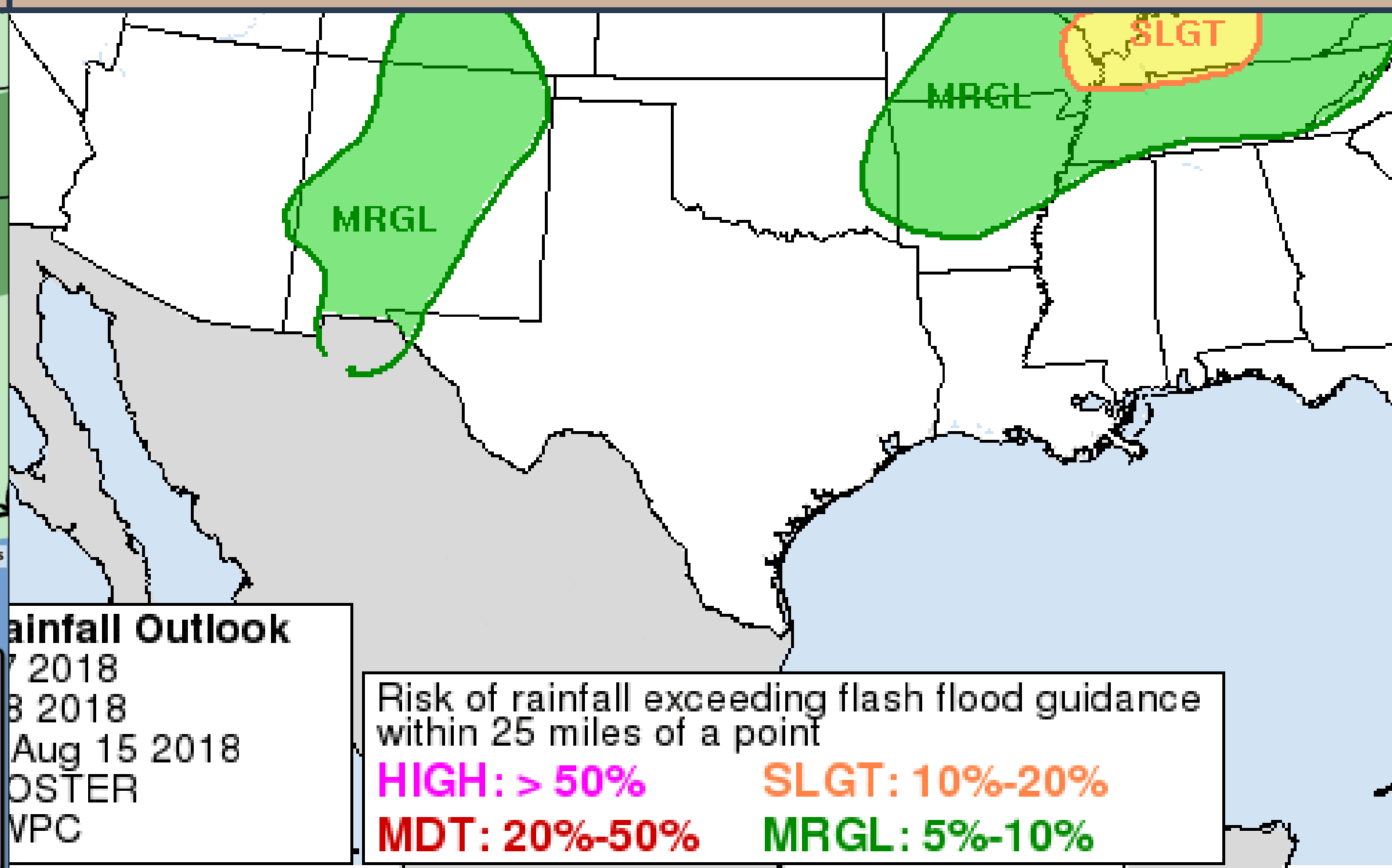
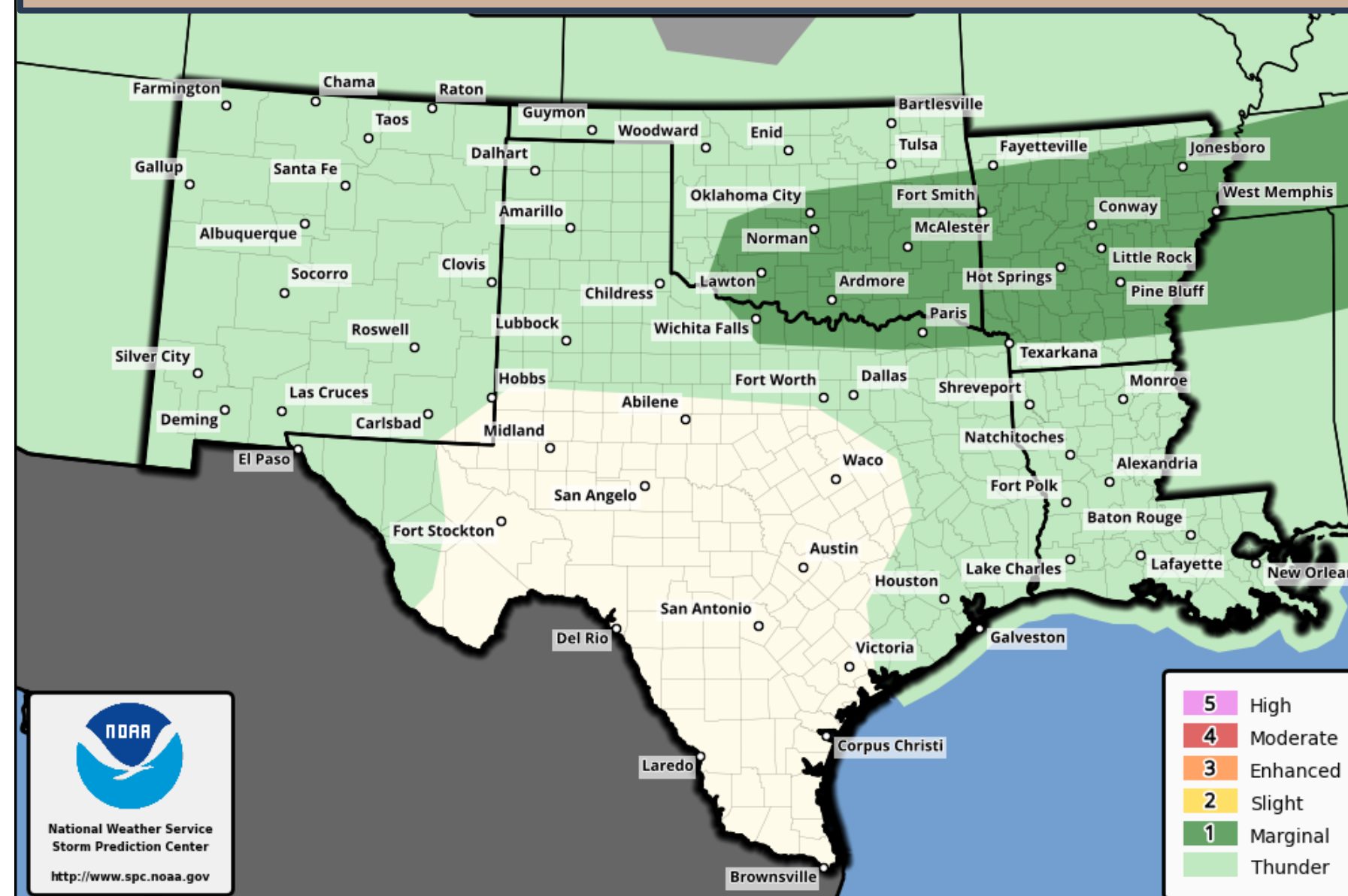


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## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Rainfall Outlook  
2018  
Aug 15 2018  
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Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance within 25 miles of a point  
**HIGH: > 50%** **SLGT: 10%-20%**  
**MDT: 20%-50%** **MRGL: 5%-10%**

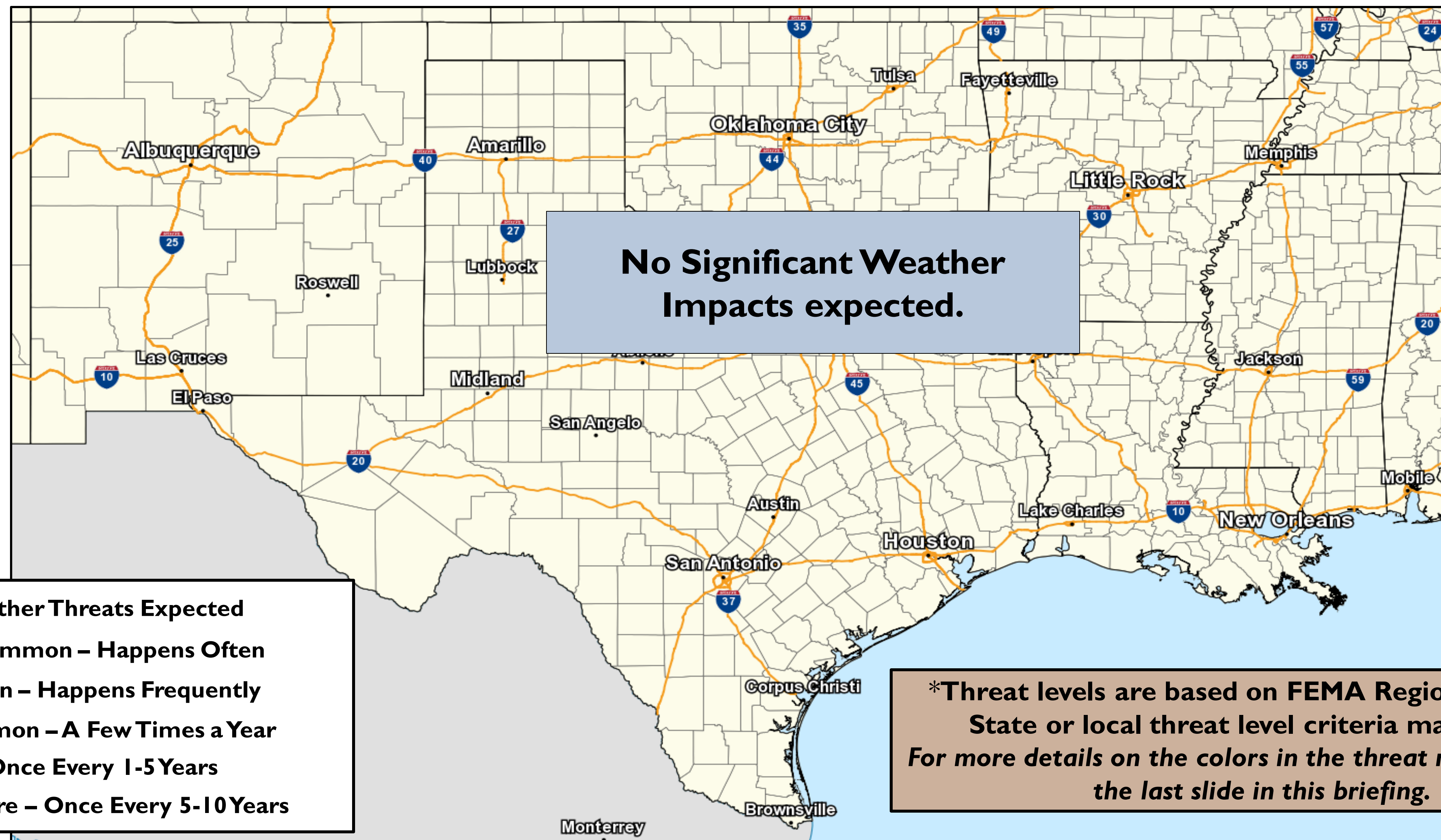


# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday-Sunday



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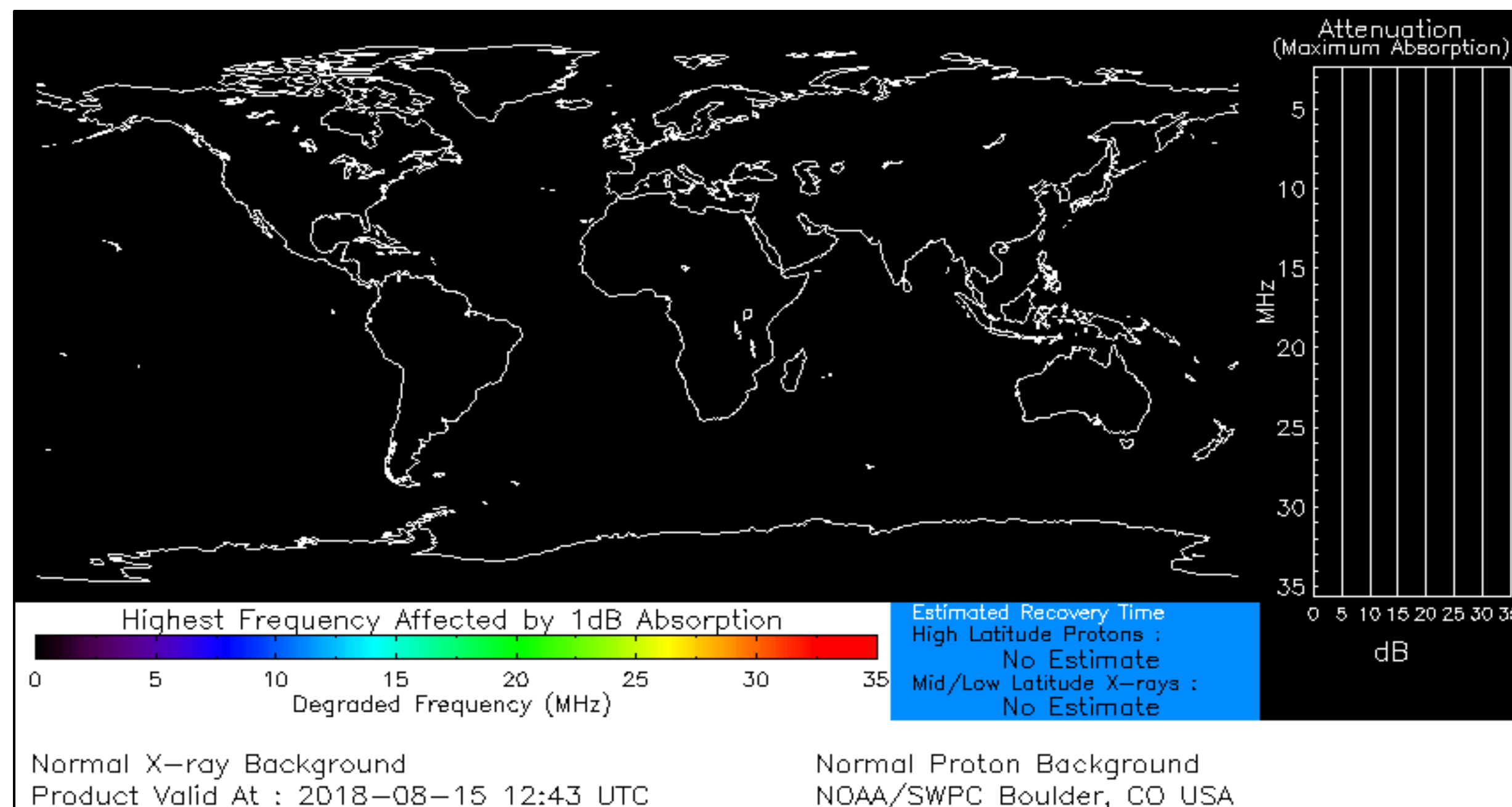


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



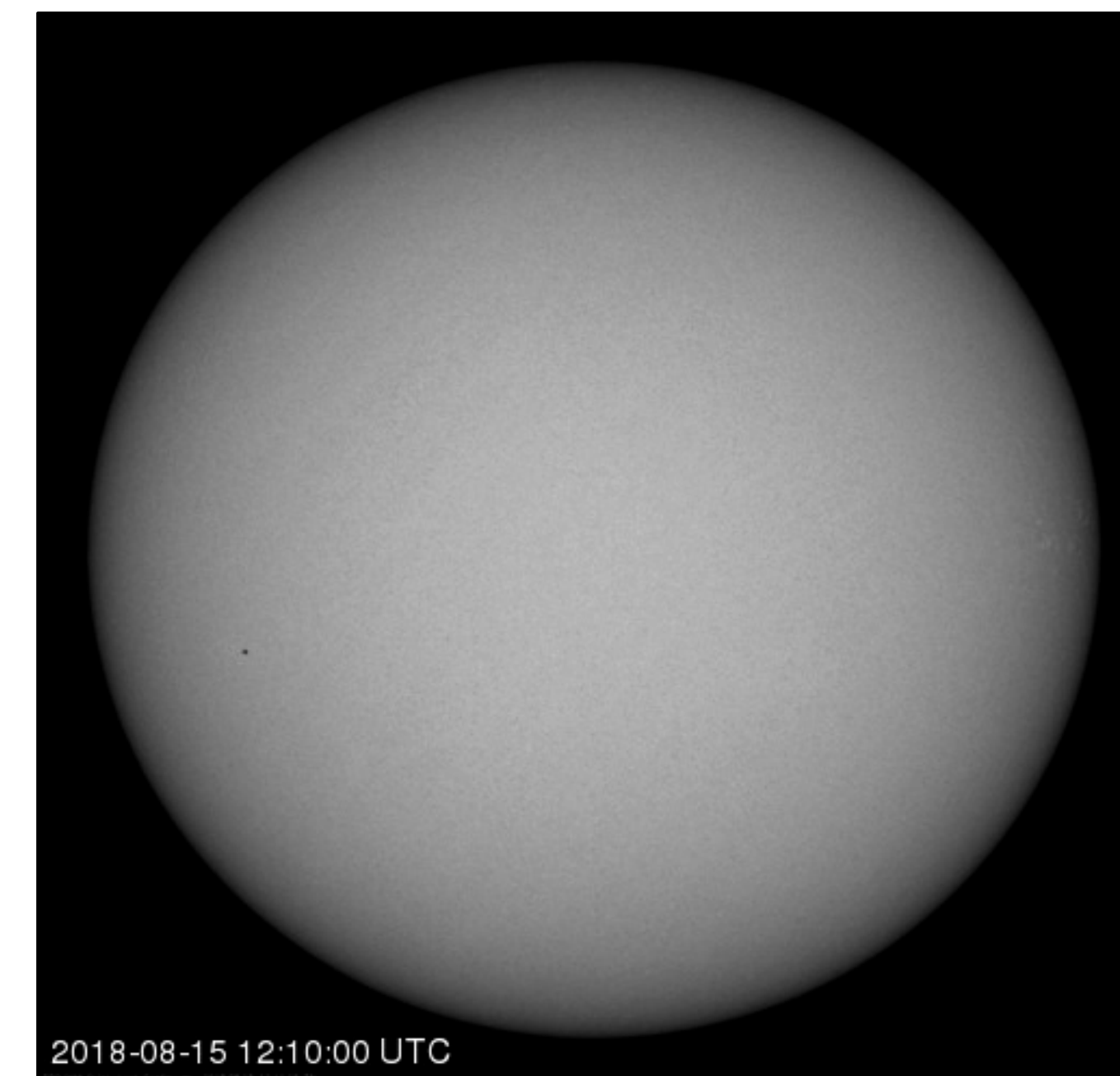
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather  
Forecast Text](#)



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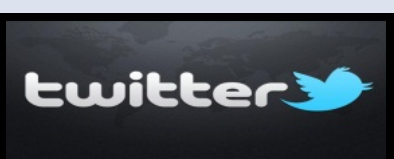
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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

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